

On page 363, insert between lines 18 and 19, the following:

(4) LIMITATIONS ON ATTORNEY'S FEES.—

(A) LIMITATION.—In any civil action described under paragraph (1)—

(i) the limitations on attorney's fees under section 104(e) shall apply; or

(ii) a court may award reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys.

(B) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the term "reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys" means fees and expenses that are based on prevailing market rates for the kind and quality of the services furnished, except that—

(i) no expert witness shall be compensated at a rate in excess of the highest rate of compensation for expert witnesses paid by the United States Government; and

(ii) attorney's fees shall not be awarded in excess of a reasonable fee, unless the court determines that an increase in the cost of living or a special factor, such as the limited availability of qualified attorneys, for the proceedings involved justifies a higher fee.

On page 363, line 21, strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".

On page 364, line 15, strike "(5)" and insert "(6)".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations Minnesota field hearing, "Volatility in the Natural Gas Market: The Impact of High Natural Gas Prices on American Consumers," originally scheduled for this Friday, February 10th has been rescheduled for Monday, February 13, 2006. The Subcommittee field hearings will examine the natural gas market and allegations that price and supply manipulation have caused increasingly high and volatile natural gas prices. The Subcommittee intends to hold this hearing to examine the impact higher prices have on the economy, business, and families, and the government's role in ensuring that natural gas prices are determined in a competitive and informed marketplace.

The Subcommittee hearing has been scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. at the James J. Hill Reference Library at 80 West 4th Street in St. Paul, Minnesota. For further information, please contact Raymond V. Shepherd, III, Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 10 a.m., in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding S. 2253, to require the Secretary of the Interior to offer certain areas of the 181 Area of the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas leasing.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Macchiarola or Shannon Ewan.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has previously announced a hearing to be held on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC. In addition to the bills previously listed, the following joint resolution will be included.

S.J. Res. 28, a joint resolution approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie or David Szymanski.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 1st at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the role of the Forest Service and other Federal agencies in protecting the health and welfare of foreign guest workers carrying out tree planting and other service contracts on National Forest System lands, and to consider related Forest Service guidance and contract modifications issued in recent weeks.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics or Sara Zecher.

AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 10 a.m., on TSA and Passenger Screening.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "The President's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Proposal".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on New Initiatives in Cooperative Threat Reduction.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on energy and natural resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 9 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the President's proposed budget for FY 2007 for the Department of Energy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 10 a.m. in SD-106.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 10 a.m. for a hearing titled, "Hurricane Katrina: The Defense Department's Role in the Response."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 9, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. to hold a closed hearing.